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AS nothing contributes more to the Grandeur and Magnificence of a City, than noble and elegant Buildings, ſo nothing produces an heavier Cenſure on a Nation's Taſte, than thoſe which are otherwiſe: 'Tis for this Reaſon highly laudable to ſtir up the Publick to an Attention to ſuch elegant and proper Decorations as theſe, not only in Regard to the Fame of the People in general, but their Intereſt too. One of the chief Reaſons why *Italy* is ſo generally viſited by all Foreigners of Genius and Diſtinction, is owing to the Magnificence of their Structures, and their Number and Variety: They are a continual Bait to invite their Neighbours to lay out their Money amongſt them, and one may reaſonably aſſert, that the Sums which have been expended for the bare Sight of thoſe elegant Piles, have more than paid the original Charge of their Building. This *Lewis* XIV. was ſufficiently appriz'd of when he undertook *Verſailles*, and the Company that ſingle Fabrick only has drawn into *France*, has made that Crown ample Amends for the Expence of erecting it; and they have both the Uſe and Reputation of it ſtill into the Bargain.

'Tis high Time therefore for us to look about us too, and endeavour to vie with our Neighbours in Politeneſs, as well as Power and Empire. Towards the End of King *James* I's Reign, and in the Beginning of his Son's, Taſte made a bold Step from *Italy* to *England* at once, and ſcarce ſtay'd a Moment to viſit *France* by the Way. From the moſt profound Ignorance in Architecture, the moſt conſummate Night of Knowledge, *Inigo Jones* ſtarted up a Prodigy of Art, and vied even with his Maſter *Palladio* himſelf. From ſo glorious an Out-Set, there was not any Excellency that we might not have hop'd to obtain; *Britain* had a reaſonable Proſpect to rival *Italy*, and foil every Nation in *Europe* beſide. But in the Midſt of theſe ſanguine Expectations, the fatal Civil War commenc'd, and all the Arts and Sciences were immediately laid aſide, as no Way concern'd in the Quarrel. What followed was all Darkneſs and Obſcurity, and 'tis even a Wonder they left us a Monument of the Beauty, 'twas ſo agreeable to their Natures to deſtroy.

Wren was the next Genius that aroſe, to awake the Spirit of Science, and kindle in his Country a Love for that Science which had been ſo long neglected: During his Time a moſt melancholy Opportunity offer'd for Art to exert itſelf, in the moſt extraordinary Manner: But the Calamities of the preſent Circumſtance were ſo great and numerous, that the Pleas of Elegancy and Beauty could not be heard, and Neceſſity and Conveniency took Place of Harmony and Magnificence.

What I mean is this; The Fire of *London* furniſh'd the moſt perfect Occaſion that can ever happen in any City, to rebuild it with Pomp and Regularity. This *Wren* foreſaw, and, as we are told, offer'd a Scheme for that Purpoſe which would have made it the Wonder of the World. He propos'd to have laid out one large Street from *Aldgate* to *Temple-Bar*, in the Middle of which was to have been a large Square, capable of containing the new Church of St. *Paul's*, with a proper Diſtance for the View all round it; whereby that huge Building would not have been coop'd up, as 'tis at preſent, in ſuch a Manner, as no where to be ſeen to Advantage at all; but would have had a long and ample Viſta at each End, to have reconcil'd it to a proper Point of View, and give it one great Benefit which, in all Probability, it muſt now want forever. He farther propos'd to rebuild all the Pariſh-Churches in ſuch a Manner as to be ſeen at the End of every Viſta of Houſes, and diſpers'd in ſuch Diſtances from each other, as to appear neither too thick, nor thin in Proſpect; but give a proper Heightning to the whole Bulk of the City, as it fill'd the Landſcape: Laſtly he propos'd to build all the Houſes uniform, and ſupported on a Piazza, like that of *Covent-Garden*; and, by the Water-Side, from the *Bridge* to the *Temple*, he had plann'd a long and broad Wharf, or Key, where he deſign'd to have rang'd all the Halls that belong to the ſeveral Companies of the City, with proper Ware-houſes for Merchants between, to vary the Edifices, and make it at once one of the moſt beautiful and moſt uſeful Ranges of Structure in the World.——But, as I ſaid before, the Hurry of Rebuilding, and the Diſputes about Property prevented this glorious Scheme from taking Place.

In our own Times an Opportunity offer'd to adorn the City, in ſome Degree; and tho' the Scarcity of Ground in *London* will not allow as much Beauty of Situation as one would deſire, yet if the Buildings were ſuited to their Place, they would make a better Figure than they do at preſent. I have now the late new Churches in my Eye; amongſt all which there are not five plac'd to Advantage, and ſcarce ſo many which are built in Taſte, or deſerve half the Money which they have coſt; a Circumſtance which muſt reflect on the Judgments of thoſe who choſe the Plans, as well as the Genius of the Architects themſelves.

No Nation can reproach us for Want of Expence in our publick Buildings, but all Nations may for our Want of Elegance and Diſcernment in the Execution. In the firſt Place, there are very few of our fine Pieces of Architecture in Sight; they are generally hid in Holes and Corners, as if they had been built by Stealth, or the Artiſts were aſham'd of their Works: Or elſe they are but Eſſays, or Trials of Skill, and remain unfiniſh'd, till Time himſelf lays them in Ruins. After this, 'tis unneceſſary to mention that our Structures are generally heavy, diſproportion'd, and rather incumber'd than adorn'd: Beauty does not conſiſt in Expence, or Decoration; 'tis poſſible for a ſlight Building to be very perfect, and a coſtly one to be very deform'd: I could eaſily name Inſtances of both Kinds; but, as I propoſe to point out to my Readers moſt of the Edifices about Town, that are worth Conſideration on either Side, I will not anticipate my Deſign, but exemplify my Meaning, as I proceed, and leave the Publick to make Uſe of it as they pleaſe.

To begin with the remoteſt Extremity of the Town: As there were no Attempts, till lately, ever made there, to erect any Building which might adorn it at all, there was the more Neceſſity to be more particularly careful that the firſt Deſign of this Nature ſhould not miſcarry; and yet the four following Churches which have been built at *Limehouſe*, *Ratcliff*, *Horſly-down*, and *Spittle-fields*, tho' they have all the Advantage of Ground which can be deſir'd, are not to be look'd at without Diſpleaſure. They are mere Gothique Heaps of Stone, without Form or Order; and meet with Contempt from the beſt and worſt Taſtes alike. The laſt, eſpecially, deſerves the ſevereſt Condemnation, in that 'tis built at a monſtrous Expence, and yet is, beyond Queſtion, one of the moſt abſurd Piles in *Europe*.

As a Fabrick of Antiquity, 'tis impoſſible to paſs by the *Tower* without taking ſome Notice of it; particularly, as 'tis viſited ſo much by the good People of *England*, as a Place made venerable by the frequent Mention which has been made of it in Hiſtory, and famous for having been the Scene of many tragical Adventures: But I muſt caution thoſe of my Readers who are unſkill'd in Architecture, not to believe it either a Place of Strength, Beauty, or Magnificence: Tis large and old indeed, and has a formidable Row of Cannons before it, to fire on rejoicing Days.

The *Cuſtom-Houſe* is a Place, which, by its Uſe and Situation, can hardly fail of being viſited by Strangers: I could have wiſh'd therefore, on that Account, and likewiſe becauſe we are more famous for our naval Affairs than any Thing elſe, that this Building had been more coſtly and magnificent: It would make a ſeaſonable Impreſſion on Foreigners even at their Landing, of the Majeſty, and Wealth of the *Britiſh* Nation: To which let me add that its Situation, by the Water-ſide, gives it a ſtill juſter Claim to Grandeur and Decoration, and 'tis Pity ſo publick a Building ſhould want what is ſo remarkably miſt.

I am of Opinion, if the Directors of the *Eaſt-India* Company had thought in this Manner, they would have beſtow'd a greater Expence on their *Houſe*, than appears in it at preſent: 'Tis certainly unworthy their Figure in the Trading World, and would better ſuit with the common Life of a ſingle Director, than the Pomp and State of the whole Body. The Fabrick indeed is built in Taſte; but there is not enough of it; and, if they had thought of adding a Portico in the Middle, 'twould have look'd more like a finiſh'd Building than it does now: We might have endur'd it at leaſt, tho' we could not have prais'd it.

I will conclude what I ſhall ſay to Day on this Subject, with a Word on the Front of the Church, lately rebuilt in *Biſhopſgate-ſtreet*; *viz.* That I think it more in Taſte than moſt about Town; that the Parts 'tis compoſ'd of are ſimple, beautiful, and harmonious, and that the Whole deſerves to be admir'd, for pleaſing ſo much, at ſo little Expence.

To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER:

SIR,

I Have a long Time entertain'd a ſtrong Ambition to ſee ſome of my own Productions appear in your Journal; indulge, then, a Youth of 16 Years ſo far, and print the enclos'd Eclogue, with all the Amendments you ſhall think expedient; this will anſwer the greateſt Wiſhes of

Your weekly Admirer,
CORDELIO.

A Paſtoral Eclogue.

Hazlenut.

THE Sun began his beamy Light to ſpread,
And the dark Shadows of the Night were fled;
When buſy Induſtry forſook her Down,
Plenty to raiſe for the luxurious Town:
The thoughtleſs Maid who trips along the Fields,
Whoſe Breaſt contented no grim Sorrow yields,
Chants merrily, as ſhe ſupports her Pail,
In faulty Rhime an ill-collected Tale.
The Countryman who heavy Hobnails wears;
Whoſe Countenance diſplays no preying Cares;
To his Day-Labour with glad Heart retires;
Nor knows he ought his thankful Soul requires.
Whilſt *Hazlenut*, forſaken and forlorn,
With languid Eyes beholds the roſy Morn.
Amidſt a ſpacious Field, with Banks enclos'd,
Beneath a ſhady Tree the Swain repos'd:
Long had he lov'd a Maiden, *Mary* hight,
Whoſe perjur'd Oaths the Shepherd did recite,
In Notes more ſweet, than is the Linnet's Song,
Or Melody of all the feather'd Throng.
Unhappy *Hazlenut*, Oh! wretched Lad,
Who could with deſteſt Joaks thy Fellows glad;
And when I chaunted Tunes, each buxom Maid
Trip'd to the Sound along the cooling Shade:
Whene'er I ſpoke, each liſt'ning Damſel ſigh'd,
And in the kindeſt Method all reply'd.
My Woes, ye Shepherds, when ye ſhall repeat,
Think how all earthly Happineſſes fleet.
Ah! now no more, ill-fated Boy, I pleaſe,
No more I ſing beneath the branching Trees;
But ſadly pining thro' the Meadows go,
In echo'ing Sighs the Air returns my Woe.
Since Vows my *Mary*'s Paſſion could not bind,
Tranquillity is baniſh'd from my Mind.
My Woes, ye Shepherds, when ye ſhall repeat,
Think how all earth's Happineſſes fleet.
Farewel! ye Fields, where I my Sheep have kept;
Adieu! ye Banks, on whom I've often ſlept;
Here firſt I *Mary* ſaw, farewel! curſt Ground,
Where my poor Heart receiv'd the bleeding Wound.
And thou, my Sheephook, hence from me remove,
For thou wert mine when *Mary* chang'd her Love:
On you I lean'd, and view'd her arched Brows,
When ſhe came here to fetch the brindled Cows;
'Twas you ſupported me thoſe Eyes to ſee,
Which now ſo rigidly my Death decree.
My Woes, ye Shepherds, when ye ſhall repeat,
Think how all human Happineſſes fleet.

[Price THREE HALF-PENCE.]

N. B. *Advertiſements, of a reaſonable Length are put in this Paper at Two Shillings and Six-Pence each.*

Farewel, O Pouch, that bear'ſt in ſtudded Braſs,
The Name of *Mary*, cruel-hearted Laſs;
Leſt when I look on thee my Pains renew,
And I remember that ſhe was untrue.
Come, darkſome Night, thy gloomy Terrors ſpread,
From *Hazlenut* the perjur'd *Mary*'s fled.
My Woes, ye Shepherds, when ye ſhall repeat,
Think how all earthly Happineſſes fleet.
Theſe Scars were by my Cudgelling firſt brought,
When I to gain the Love of *Mary* fought;
But ah! the Prize my hardy Deeds obtain'd,
Are from me by the treach'rous *Mary* gain'd,
Which ſhe, regardleſs of her faithful Slave,
Eſtſoons has to her more lov'd *Cuddy* gave.
Shall drunken *Cuddy* then with me compare?
Sooner let Beaſts of human Honours ſhare;
Sooner ſhall Roaches glide along the Green,
And Peacocks in the watry Streams be ſeen;
Sooner ſhall Hedgehogs fly amidſt the Wood,
And Men ſubſiſt without their daily Food:
But why do I thus reaſon with the Wind;
Since all our Swains agree that Love is blind?
My Woes, ye Shepherds, when ye ſhall repeat,
Think how all human Happineſſes fleet.
No more I will of idle Love complain,
(As ev'ry Cure without my *Mary*'s vain)
But ſtrive with all my utmoſt Force, and Art,
To baniſh her and Sorrow from my Heart:
Reflection too muſt abſent from my Soul,
For whilſt that's there, all Joy it will controul.
No;—— I'm reſolv'd to wander all my Days,
A dull, unthinking Swain, devoid of Praiſe;
Leſt all my fatal Paſſions ſhould return,
And I, as now, my fruitleſs Speeches mourn.
My Woes, ye Shepherds, when ye ſhall repeat,
Remember female Vows, like Wind, will fleet.
The Sun, by this, his higheſt Summet reach'd,
And on the Swain his hotteſt Beams he ſtretch'd.
Poor *Hazlenut* with Warmth o'erpower'd lies,
And Sleep encloſes his wet weeping Eyes;
But in his Sleep he feels unuſual Joys,
Which all his former waking Grief deſtroys;
His *Mary* comes, and ſeems no more unkind,
Whilſt Pleaſure reaſſumes her Seat within his Mind.

SATURDAY, *Oct.* 13.

LAST Night the Seſſions ended at the *Old Bailey*, when the eight following Perſons received Sentence of Death, *viz.*

Francis Crotchet, for robbing Mrs. *Sarah Banks* of an Agate Snuff-Box ſet in Gold, and Mrs. *Sarah Clifton*, of a Gold Watch and 5 s. in Money in *Hyde-Park*.

John Brown, and *Margaret Berry*, for Coining.

John Butler, *Joſeph Cox*, and *John Weedon*, for robbing of Mr. *John Parrat*, near *Edgeworth*, of a Great Coat, Hat, and 45 s. in Money.

Dorothy Carter, for ſtealing from *John Conners*, three Pieces of Lace. And

Thomas Whitby, alias *Whigby*, alias *Woodley*, (on the Evidence of *Alexander Watſon*, alias *my Lord*) for being concerned with him, in robbing Mr. *Gordon*.

After the Trial of the ſaid *Whitby* was over, the above-ſaid *Watſon* was carried to the *Queen's-Head* in the *Old-Bailey*, under the Care of ſome of the Keepers of *New-Priſon*, and there found Means to make his Eſcape from them.

The abovesaid *Margaret Berry* pleaded her Belly, and a Jury of Matrons being impannelled, they brought her in quick with Child.

Twelve were burnt in the Hand, and near 20 caſt for Tranſportation,

The Jury apply'd to the Court on Behalf of *Francis Crotchet*, the Fiſhmonger, alledging, in their Opinion, he was a Lunatick; and the Court were pleaſed to reply, they were of the like Opinion.

One of the Envoys from *Tunis* appear'd in Mourning at his Audience of their Majeſties laſt Thurſday at *Hampton-Court*, on Account of the Death of his Father, Mother, Wife and five Children, who died of the Plague, ſince his Arrival here. We hear that their Majeſties were pleaſed to condole with that Gentleman, on that melancholy Occaſion. The ſaid Envoys have brought five *Arabian* Horſes, as a Preſent from the Bey to his Majeſty.

Deaths. On the 10th Inſtant died Sir *John Stonehouſe*, Bart. one of the Knights of the Shire for *Berks*, at his Seat at *Radley* near *Abbingdon*.——The ſame Day died, at *Tedington* in the County of *Middleſex*, Capt. *John Vernon*, formerly Commander of the *Namure*, a ſecond Rate of 90 Guns,——On Thurſday laſt died, at her Houſe in *Cook's-Court* near *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields*, Madam *Elizabeth Stone*, Relict of —— *Stone*, Eſq;

MONDAY, *Oct.* 15.

On Saturday Morning about Nine o'Clock, their Majeſties, and the reſt of the Royal Family, went from *Hampton-Court* to *Sunbury-Common*, where a Hind that had been hunted twice before was turn'd out, and afforded them the beſt Diverſion they have had this Seaſon, ſhe took through *Buſhy-Park*, and running quite to the Palace, made a Viſit to the Soldiers encamp'd on *Hampton-Court-Green*, and run up and down ſeveral Times amongſt the Tents, then croſs'd the *Thames* and made to *Peterſham*, where ſhe again recroſs'd the *Thames*, and return'd to the Common whence ſhe firſt ſtarted, and then taking the ſame Rout to *Buſhy-Park*, a third Time croſs'd the *Thames* to *Moulſey*, and hid herſelf in a Gravel-Pit almoſt cover'd over with Briers, upon which his Majeſty was pleaſed to order the Dogs to be called off, and her Life to be ſpared; and order'd a Silver Collar to be made and put round her Neck: The Family return'd to *Hampton-Court* to Dinner.

On Thurſday Night laſt a Porter in St. *James's Market*, dropt down dead as he was drinking Geneva.

On Saturday laſt Mr. *Hall*, a Dealer in Horſes, at *Warwick Stables* near *Bedford-Row*, ſold the fineſt Cheſnut Stone-Horſe that has been ſeen in *London* theſe many Years (able to carry 18 Stone a Fox Chace) to his Grace the Duke of *Richmond*, for 120 Guineas.

Preferments. The Lady of the Right Hon. Lord *Herbert*, Siſter to *John* Lord Viſcount *Lymington*, is appointed a Lady of the Bed-Chamber to the Princeſs Royal.—— *Charles Howard*, Eſq; is appointed Deputy-Clerk of the Patents, in the room of *John Tench*, Eſq; deceas'd.

Deaths. On Saturday laſt died the Wife of *Henry Villiers*, Eſq; Gentleman-Uſher to the Princeſs-Royal, and Governor of *Tinmouth-Caſtle*.——On Friday died, at his Seat near *Edmonton*, reputed worth 12,000 l. Mr. *Muſket*, formerly an eminent *Portugueſe* Merchant in *Seething-Lane*.——The ſame Night died Mr. *Samuel Gale*, Steward to St. *Thomas's-Hoſpital*.

Bankrupts. Thomas Cox, of St. *Tooley's-ſtreet*, *Southwark*, Grocer.——*Joſhua Robinſon*, of *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*, Victualler.

TUESDAY, *Oct.* 16.

Yeſterday a Currier in *Bear-Lane*, *Southwark*, ſtanding upon a Stool to hang up ſome Skins in his Shop, the Stool ſlipt from under him, and he fell with his Neck upon the ſharp Iron uſed in his Trade, which cut his Jugular Vein, and he died immediately.

The Lord Biſhop of *London*, having claimed (as Dean of the Chapel) his Right of marrying the Princeſs Royal, the ſame has been allow'd of.

They write from *Norwich*, that on Thurſday the 4th Inſtant, about Three in the Morning, a Fire broke out at a Houſe in *Bracon-Aſh* in *Norfolk*, about five Miles from this City, and entirely conſumed the ſame: There lived in the ſaid Houſe only a Man, his Wife, and a Girl; the former of which got out ſafe, by cutting his Way thro' a little Window; his Wife got out there alſo, but before ſhe could get out was very much ſcorched with the Flames; but the poor Girl was burnt to Death, and there were only a few of her Bones to be found.

On Wedneſday Morning *George Bantick*, *Thomas Cockerell*, *John Dockeray*, *Robert Davy*, and *William Bream*, the five Perſons who were committed to *Norwich-Caſtle* in *June* laſt on Suſpicion of being Smugglers, made their Eſcape out of the ſaid Place: It ſeems they ſeiz'd the Turnkey when he open'd the Door, took the Keys from him, knocked him down with them, then locked him in their Room, and walked off to the Bridge-Foot; where it is ſaid they were each of them preſented with a loaded Piſtol by ſome of their Confederates, and walked with them cock'd in their Hands to *Brazen-Doors*; where a Number of their Gang, all well armed, ſtood ready with Horſes for them, on which they rode quite off. They carried the Keys of the Caſtle with them almoſt as far as *Brazen-Doors*, and there threw them down.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to declare his Royal Intention of keeping his Birth-Day at the Royal Palace at St. *James's*; and Yeſterday his Grace the Duke of *Grafton*, Lord Chamberlain of his Majeſty's Houſhold, came to Town, and viewed the Lodgings, and gave the neceſſary Orders thereto.

Yeſterday there was a great Hearing before the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Mr. Baron *Thomſon*, at *Goldſmiths-Hall*, relating to the Affair of the Victualler in *Barbican*, who has been charged with Deer-ſtealing and ſince admitted to Bail, as formerly mentioned; Mr. *Marſo* being Counſel for the King, Mr. Serjeant *Urlin* and Mr. *Strange* for the Defendant; and after many learned Arguments on both Sides, the ſame was adjourned to Monday next.

Death. Yeſterday died, at his Lodgings in *Newport-ſtreet*, *Leiceſter Fields*, *George Lawrence*, Eſq; by whoſe Death an Eſtate of 350 l. *per Ann.* devolves to M. *Littleton Lawrence*, of *Sherrington* in *Glouceſterſhire*.

WEDNESDAY, *Oct.* 17.

Yeſterday about Eight o'Clock in the Morning a Fire broke out at the Duke of *Devonſhire's* Houſe in *Piccadilly*, through the Careleſſneſs, as 'tis ſaid, of the Carpenters who were at Work in the Garret, by leaving ſome Shavings near a Fire which they had made to boil their Glue whilſt they went to Breakfaſt. The Flames were firſt diſcover'd by ſome Gentlemen riding by, who alarm'd the People in the Houſe. The Fire burnt with ſuch Rapidity, that notwithſtanding the timely Aſſiſtance of the Firemen, and the ſeveral Engines that play'd inceſſantly, the Houſe was burnt to the Ground: However, his Grace's valuable Library, and his ſcarce Collection of Rarities, valued alone at 50,000 l. were ſav'd, with moſt of the Furniture of the Houſe. The Duke and his Family are in *Derbyſhire*. About Twelve o'Clock his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales* came thither, and gave 20 Guineas to the Workmen to encourage them to purſue their Buſineſs in extinguiſhing the Flames.

We hear that the Nuptials of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Royal with the Prince of *Orange* will be ſolemniz'd in the Chapel Royal of St. *James's*. Her Royal Highneſs is to be married in Robes of State, the Body and Petticoat being Silver Stuff, the former very richly embroider'd, and the latter cover'd with three Rows of Silver Lace, rich with Toſſels, Fringes and emboſs'd Work. The Mantle is purple Velvet, and has a Train five Yards and an half long, lac'd round with the ſame Lace, to be born up by ſix Earls Daughters. Her Royal Highneſs is likewiſe to have her Coronet on her Head; and the Ceremony in every Part is to be perform'd with the utmoſt Magnificence. The Wedding Cloaths conſiſt in ten rich Suits, one of which is green Velvet cover'd over with a Gold open Lace, and the Embroidery and Beauty of the reſt exceed any Thing that has been ever ſeen here, tho' all the Manufacture of this Kingdom.

Yeſterday a Petition was deliver'd to the Court of Aldermen in favour of the Rev. Mr. *Roſwell*, Curate of *Cripplegate* Church, to be Ordinary of *Newgate*, in Caſe the preſent Clergyman is remov'd from that Employ; but the ſame was deferr'd to Tueſday next.

On Monday laſt as two Boys were fighting on *Clerkenwell-Green*, a Dog that belong'd to one of them fell upon the other, and tore him in ſo miſerable a Manner, that he was immediately carried to St. *Bartholomew's-Hoſpital*, and 'tis believ'd that he cannot ſurvive.

Marriage. Laſt Sunday Morning *Jacob Wright*, of *Groſvenor-ſtreet*, Eſq; was married at *Oxford* Chapel to Miſs *Jane Pearſehouſe*, of *New Bond ſtreet*.

Deaths. On Sunday laſt died *Jacob Martin*, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Surrey*.——A few Days ſince died at the Parſonage-Houſe at *Stevenage* in *Hertfordſhire*, the Rev. *Thomas Stamper*, D. D. one of the Prebendaries of St. *Paul's*, and formerly Lecturer of St. *Bennet Fink*, *Threadneedle-ſtreet*, as alſo Maſter of the Grammar-School at *Clapham*.

Bankrupts. William Taylor, of *Buſhey*, in the County of *Hertford*, Butcher and Higler.—— *Henry Reſtall*, of *Denmark-Court* near the *Strand*, in the County of *Middleſex*, Victualler.——*James Graham*, of the *Strand*, in the County of *Middleſex*, Merchant and Broker.

THURSDAY, *Oct.* 18.

Yeſterday Morning the Commiſſioners for regulating the Court of Chancery, and enquiring into the Fees, *&c.* met at St. *Clement's* Veſtry, where the Sheriff of *Middleſex*, purſuant to a Precept he had received from the Commiſſioners, returned a Pannel of a great Number of very eminent Attorneys and Sollicitors in Chancery; and 21 of them being ſworn as a Jury to enquire of ſuch Matters and Things as ſhould be given them in Charge, Sir *John Gonſon* being in the Chair, explain'd the Nature of the preſent Service to them in a very learned and excellent Speech of about a Quarter of an Hour, wherein he acquainted them, that tho' the Commiſſion by which he and the other Commiſſioners ſate, extended to all the Offices and Officers of the Court of Chancery (which were above 50 in Number) he ſhould at preſent only give them in Charge four Officers.

1. The Regiſter of the Court of Chancery.
2. The Secretary of the Briefs to the Lord Chancellor.
3. The Clerk of the Briefs.
4. The Examiners in Chancery.

That the Articles of their Enquiry were theſe four.

1. To enquire what Officers, Clerks, and Miniſters, do of Right belong to the four Officers above mentioned.
2. What Fees they ought to take.
3. Whether any Fees, Rewards, or Wages, have of late Time been unjuſtly encroached, or impoſed upon the Subjects by any of them.

And laſtly, What Extortions, Oppreſſions, and Exactions, have been uſed or committed by any of them in the Execution of their reſpective Offices.

And concluded with a very handſome Exhortation to do their Duty impartially according to their Oaths.

They write from *Norwich*, that on Sunday Morning the 30th of laſt Month, in Sermon-time, happened a very odd Surprize at the Cathedral there, which put the whole Congregation into Confuſion: It ſeems that ſoon after the Sermon was begun, ſomething fell down, which ſtruck the Congregation with ſuch a panick Fear, that they immediately apprehended the Church was tumbling about their Ears: Upon which the Crowd began to fly, the Parſon jumpt out of the Pulpit, the Court of Aldermen made the beſt of their Way out; and the Hurry and Preſs of the People was ſo very great, that ſome were thrown down and ſorely trampled on, and ſeveral loſt their Hats, Wigs, Canes, and ſome even their Shoes. But we now hear the Church is in no Danger of tumbling, and that it was only Part of a Jack-Daw's Neſt, or ſome Rubbiſh and Dirt that fell.

Great Quantities of Ribbands are now making to be ſent into the Country, ſome with *No Exciſe* upon them, others *Liberty and Property*, *The glorious* 205, and other Inſcriptions.

Mr. *Budgell* declared laſt Saturday, in *a Letter to Sir Robert Walpole*, that he is reſolved to offer his Service to his Country in the next Parliament, and aſſures him, if the *Sturdy Beggars* would but enable him to talk to him in the Quality of a Member of the Houſe of Commons, he has ſomething to ſay to him: But Mr. *Budgell* has not thought proper to name for what Place; and it may be made a Queſtion, whether he will ſucceed, notwithſtanding his *great natural Talents*.

We hear that Mr. *Iſaac Dawes*, an eminent Bricklayer at *Fleet-Ditch*, hath contracted with the Committee of City-Lands to fill up the ſaid Ditch, and that his Agreement will be forthwith put in Execution.

Yeſterday the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, accompanied by ſeveral of the Aldermen and the Sheriffs of this City, waited on the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, when Sir *William Billers*, Knt. and Alderman, Lord Mayor Elect for the Year enſuing, was preſented to his Lordſhip for his Approbation, according to annual Cuſtom.

Preferment. Yeſterday the Rev. *Francis Clerk*, L.L.D. was preſented to the Living of *North Benfleet*, in the County of *Eſſex* and Dioceſe of *London*, vacant by the Death of the Rev. Mr. *Hazwell*.

Marriage. They write from *Carmarthenſhire*, that *Henry Middleton*, Eſq; of *Middleton Hall* in that County, was married to Mrs. *Elizabeth Price*, a young Gentlewoman of a good Fortune.

Deaths. A few Days ago died ſuddenly, at his Seat in the County of *Cornwall*, —— *Mohun*, Eſq; a near Relation of the late Lord *Mohun*, who was kill'd in a Duel by the late Duke *Hamilton*.——Yeſterday died Mr. *Pope*, one of the Meſſengers to the Hon. Houſe of Commons.——The ſame Day died, at his Houſe near *Old-Palace-Yard*, *Weſtminſter*, —— *Broome*, Eſq; one of the moſt conſiderable Dealers in Pictures in *England*; he is ſaid to have died worth upwards of 20,000l.——On Tueſday died in Childbed the Lady of —— *Trevor*, Eſq; a near Relation of the late Lord *Trevor*.

FRIDAY, *Oct.* 19.

Extract of a Letter from Stockholm.

If the Diſturbances in *Poland* ſhould continue till next Spring, 'tis not to be doubted but that *Sweden* will declare openly for King *Staniſlaus*. This had been already done, if the King had been as willing for it as the Senate; but his *Sweediſh* Majeſty is united by ſuch particular Ties to the *Imperial* and certain other Courts, that he has ſtarted ſome Difficulties which the Senate have not yet been able to get over. 'Tis confidently reported, that the ſaid Aſſembly has already repreſented to his Majeſty, That the States of the Kingdom would be ſadly mortified to ſee the *Heſſian* Troops employ'd in the Service of the Emperor againſt *France*, their good Ally, and that too in a War, wherein *Sweden* will be inſenſibly forced to take Part with *France* in caſe it continues. Thus there ſeems to be a ſmall Difference at preſent between the Inclinations of the King and the Senate; but the *Swedes* aſſure themſelves from his Majeſty's known Goodneſs, that whatever Views he may have as Landgrave of *Heſſe-Caſſel*, they will not balance him againſt the ſuppos'd Intereſt of his Kingdom of *Sweden*.

The *French* Squadron has been ſeen off of *Dunkirk*, in its Return from the Sound, ſteering towards *Breſt*.

We have an Account from *Holland*, that all Manner of Merchandize is grown conſiderably dearer there ſince the War has been declar'd between *France* and the Emperor; that the Price of Geneva in particular is advanc'd 20 Florins, or 2l. Sterling, in every Piece; and that the City of *Amſterdam* alone, on Account of the ſaid Riſe of Goods, reckons herſelf worth eight Millions, i. e. 800,000l. Sterling, more now than ſhe was a Fortnight ago.

On Wedneſday laſt Part of the Prince of *Orange*'s Baggage landed, and paſs'd through the City; and Yeſterday the Royal Yachts ſailed from *Greenwich*, in order to bring his Highneſs over.

On Wedneſday in the Afternoon the Statue of *Britannia*, which was plac'd on a Stone Pedeſtal in the Front of the Duke of *Devonſhire*'s Houſe that was burnt down on Tueſday laſt, fell down, and broke to Pieces. It was accounted one of the fineſt Statues in *England*, and is ſaid to have coſt 3500 Guineas in *Italy*.

Yeſterday Morning the Body of a Gentlewoman was drove on Shore at *Greenwich* by the Tide: She had on a Damaſk Gown, a Diamond Ring on her Finger, and about 3l. in Money in her Pocket; but who the unhappy Perſon is, is not yet known.

On Wedneſday began the general Quarter-Seſſions for the Royalty of the *Tower* of *London*, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof, at the Court-Houſe on *Great Tower-Hill*, when Sir *John Gonſon* being in the Chair, gave an excellent and learned Charge to the Grand Jury.

Yeſterday Mrs. *Brathwait*, Wife to *John Brathwait*, Eſq; late Chief Merchant on the Gold Coaſt for the Royal *African* Company, and Niece to *Chriſtian Cole*, Eſq; was ſafely delivered of a Son, at her Houſe at *Chelſea*.

A fine Anthem is compos'd by Dr. *Green* on Account of the Nuptials between his Highneſs the Prince of *Orange* and the Princeſs Royal, which will be perform'd at the Chapel Royal at St. *James*'s, by Mr. *Gates*, Mr. *Hughs*, Mr. *Rowe*, the Children belonging to the Chapel, and the Gentlemen belonging to his Majeſtys Band of Muſick.

On Wedneſday laſt a Fire broke out in the Laundry at the Houſe of *William Hucks*, Eſq; at St. *Giles*'s, which burnt a conſiderable Quantity of Linnen; but by timely Aſſiſtance it was extinguiſh'd without doing other Damage.

We are credibly informed, that a certain *Engliſh* Gentleman, who is lately gone to *Holland*, has a Commiſſion to engage the States-General to furniſh out twenty Men of War, which are to join thirty *Engliſh* Men of War, and to ſail with all Expedition to the *Mediterranean*.

It is written from *Malaga* the 16th Inſt. N. S. That they had Advice from *Tetuan* of Capt. *Matthews*, of the *John Brig*. which was carried in by a Row-Boat, being dead there, and that the reſt of the Crew were made Slaves, and the Ship and Cargo publickly ſold; they had alſo a Rumour of three Boats and two *Sallee* Cruizers being out.

On Tueſday laſt Mr. *Lund* was ſworn Senior Bridge-Maſter, by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, in the room of Mr. *John Webb*, deceas'd.

Robbery. On Monday Night laſt the Houſe of Mr. *Clipland*, at the *Hand* and *Shears* in *Cloth-Fair*, was broke open, and robbed of 20 Guineas in Gold, and 15l. in Silver, and other Things of Value.

Marriages. Laſt Tueſday *John Moor* of *Penſhurſt* in the County of *Kent*, Eſq; was married to Mrs. *Mary Luxford*, a young Gentlewoman of a great Fortune.——*Thomas Jones Trye*, Eſq; of *Hanham* in *Glouceſterſhire*, was lately married to Miſs *Hare*, a young Lady with a Fortune of 16,000l.

Deaths. A few Days ago died the Rev. Mr. *Fell*, Rector of *Benſdon* in the County of *Cornwall*, and Dioceſe of *Exeter*.——Yeſterday died at *Greenwich*, *John Dowdall*, Eſq;——The ſame Day died, at his Houſe in *Stratton-ſtreet*, *Piccadilly*, *George Phipps*, Eſq; an Enſign of a Company in the third Regiment of Guards.——Laſt Wedneſday died, in the 65th Year of his Age, at his Seat at *Chiſlehurſt* in *Kent*, Sir *Edward Betenſon*, Bart.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Cadiz, *Oct.* 6. N. S. On the 29th ult. *arrived* the Succeſs, Sporne, from *Liſbon*. The 2d Inſt. Charming-Rebecca, Tierney, from *Dublin*; Hope, Grot, *Newfoundland*; Cuthbert, Whitby, *Newcaſtle*; Hydra, Skerwit, *Hamburgh*; Prince of Wales, Eaglesfield, *Canaries*; Katharine, Conner, *Dublin*; Dorothy and Mary, Butler, *London*; Betty, Friend, *Newfoundland*. On the 1ſt Inſt. *ſailed* the Exchange, Reed, for the *Levant*; St. James, Aſtwick, *Naples*.

Alicant, *Oct.* 7. N. S. A Ship that is *arrived* from *Oran* brings Advice, that the Adventure, Captain Ridley, was drove aſhore in a violent Storm; and that a large Brigantine belonging to *Gibraltar*, and two Spaniſh Veſſels were alſo loſt, but the People were all ſaved. The Captain tells us, that the Spaniſh General had received certain Advice of Bigotillo's Death.

Leghorn, *Oct.* 10. N. S. On the 8th *arrived* the Brunſwick, Ducket, from *Genoa*; Princeſs Royal, Perryman, from *Genoa*; Elizabeth, Manthorpe, from *Alexandria*; Vine, Moverly, *London*; and ſince the 8th *arrived* the Rachel and Mary, Thompſon, from *Berwick*; the Elizabeth, from *London*; and the Weſtmoreland, Shank, from *London* and *Falmouth*.

At *Carthagena* is *arrived* the Fame, Hampton, from *London*.

Hamburgh, *Oct.* 20. Up the *Elbe* is *arrived* the ——, Woodward, from *Marſeilles*; Fortune, Beckman, from *London*.

Amſterdam, *Oct.* 23. At *Riga* is *arrived* the ——, Hauten, from *London*. In the *Texel* is *arrived* the ——, Homming, from *Ivica*; the Ship of William Brow, from *Scotland*.

HOME PORTS.

Plimouth, *Oct.* 12. *Arrived* the John and Elizabeth, Smith, from *Oporto*.

Falmouth, *Oct.* 13. This Day *arrived* the Prince Frederick Packet Boat, Lovel, from *Liſbon*. *Sailed* the Nancy, Spavin, for *London*.

Southampton, *Oct.* 15. *Came in* the Ann, Gavet; Jane, Allez, from *Guernſey*; Three Brothers, Oliver, *Bourdeaux*; Succeſs, Warwick, *Cork*. *Sailed* the Dolabella, Stephens, for *Liſbon*; Jane, Payne, *Jerſey*.

Portſmouth, *Oct.* 17. This Morning the Chitty Frigate, Brown, *ſailed* for *Leghorn*.

Deal, *Oct.* 17. The Friend's Adventure *ſailed* this Day, with the St. John, Hartley, from *Genoa* for *Holland*. The Hope, Reed; from *Findhorn*, *ſailed thro'* on Monday, for *Leghorn*. *Remains* the Succeſs Man of War. Yeſterday *arrived* the St. Mark, Wright, from *Zant* for *Rotterdam*. This Day *came down* and *ſailed thro'* the Rochester, Turner, for *Jamaica*.

Gravesend, *Oct.* 17. *Arrived* the Thanet, Sampſon; Delight, Bailey, from *Peterſburgh*; Benjamin, Spencer, *Riga*; Santa Sufanna, Domingo del Valle, and the San Antonio de Padua, Antonio de Llano, from *Bilboa*; Gibraltar, Mickle, from *Leghorn*; Griffin, Nichols, *Genoa*; Streatham, Huddy, *Malaga*; Peregrine, Price, *Cadiz*; Diana, Blake, *Liſbon*; Seven Siſters, Winter, *Bourdeaux*; Friend's Adventure, Vavaſſor, *St. Chriſtophe's*; Guiney-Hen, Seagers, *Barbadoes*; James and Draper, Hamilton, *Belfaſt*; Prince, Barres, *Virginia*; Providence, Stewart, *Dublin*; Clapham, Williams; Ann, Parramour, *Maryland*; Fenwick, Hewſon; William and Mary, Lion; Aſton, Moor; Samuel and Rebecca, Cock, from *Norway*. The Merry Jacks, Granger; the ——, Pettit, are alſo *arrived* from *Archangel*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Venice, *October* 10. N. S.

THE Dethroning and Exile of the late Sophy of *Perſia*, it ſeems, was all a Feint, and the Effect of a Scheme concerted between that Prince and *Thamas Kouli Kan*, in order to make ſome Advantage over the *Turks*. The Sophy of *Perſia*, formerly known under the Appellation of Prince *Thamas*, had juſt concluded a Treaty with the Grand Signior: 'Twas a Fetch of his Politicks, as knowing that the Sultan believing the Peace reſtor'd, would immediately recall his Troops from that Empire. The Thing happen'd ſuch as the Sophy imagin'd, and the greateſt Part of the *Ottoman* Army return'd home: But no ſooner were they gone, when the *Perſian* haſten'd to the Execution of his Projects: He conſpir'd with *Thamas Kouli Kan* to renew the War with the *Turks*: 'Twas improper that ſuch an Act ſhould appear approv'd by the Prince, and therefore *Kouli Kan* was to undertake it: 'Twas agreed that he ſhould wear the Maſk of a Rebel; that the Sophy ſhould be dethron'd by him, and conducted Priſoner into ſome remote Province; and that the Succeſs of the *Perſian* Arms ſhould determine his Re-acceſſion to the Throne. The Victory of the *Turkiſh* Army over that of the *Perſians*, and, as ſome ſay, the Death of his General *Kouli Kan*, have brought this Prince again to take the Reins of Government in his Hands: He is return'd to *Iſpahan*, to the inexpreſſible Surprize of his Subjects, and is preparing there to ſtop the rapid Progreſs of the *Ottoman* Arms into his Dominions.

Conſtantinople, *Sept.* 13. The *Ruſſian* Miniſter reſiding at the *Ottoman* Porte has in an Audience of the Grand Vizier, imparted to his Highneſs the Motives which induced the Empreſs his Miſtreſs to march her Troops into the Kingdom of *Poland*, and deſired that the Sultan would not interfere in that Affair. To which the Grand Vizier anſwered, That his Sultanian Majeſty would not concern himſelf in the *Polish* Affairs, and had ſent like Orders to his Miniſter at *Warſaw*, and to return hither ſpeedily. In the ſaid Audience the *Ruſſian* Miniſter talked with the Vizier a conſiderable Time about what had happen'd in the Caſe of the *Tartars* having entered the *Ruſſian* Territories, and their being defeated on Account of that Violation. To which the Vizier anſwered, That he had been adviſed of all the Circumſtances of that Affair, and what the *Ruſſians* had done was juſtifiable.

Warſaw, *Oct.* 6. A Trumpet from the *Ruſſian* Army was brought a few Days ſince to the *Poles* Camp at *Marienbourg*, blindfolded; being preſented before the Palatine *de Kiovia*, Regimentary of the Crown, he told him he had Orders to demand if the *Ruſſian* and *Saxon* Miniſters had been ill treated; if ſo, the *Muſcovites* would uſe Reprizals. The Palatine made Anſwer, he had been obliged to come to Blows with the armed Men which the ſaid

Ministers kept in *Warsaw*; and as for Reprisals, they might take them as soon as they pleased; but he could not answer for the Safety of the *Russian* Ministers, in case their Army attempted to pass the *Vistula*. The *Imperial* Minister's House is strongly guarded, and none suffer'd to go in or come out, without being examin'd. 'Tis fear'd they will come to Extremities with the Ministers sheltering there.

Leipsick, Oct. 13. N. S. Yesterday we fired three Rounds of the Cannon in the Fortress of *Pleissenburgh*, &c. for the Choice of his Royal Highness our Elector to be King of *Poland* and Great Duke of *Lithuania*. Letters from *Dresden*, advise, that his Majesty will shortly set out for *Poland*; and that great Preparations are making for that Journey. The Chamberlain and Starost *Linowski*, who among others was arrived at *Dresden* with News of that Election, brought the *Diploma*, or Act of Election, with this Address, *To his Majesty the King of* Poland. This Choice was made the 5th Instant, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, at *Grokow*, or *Kanzinowska*, being the Place where formerly *Henry de Valois*, Duke of *Anjou*, was chosen King of *Poland*.

Vienna, Oct. 10. Orders are sent to Count *Philippi*, Minister at *Turin*, to return forthwith, without taking Leave of the Court. Some Advices from *Turin* say, that the Design of the combin'd Forces of *Spain*, *France*, and *Sardinia*, is to possess themselves of the *Milaneze*, while the Naval Forces of *France* and *Spain* attack *Sicily*. The Emperor is going to make a great Promotion of Military Officers. The Troops at *Pissen* are to march out of Hand in different Columns into *Suabia*, to oppose the Designs of the *French*, in Conjunction with the Troops of divers Princes of the Empire. The Hereditary States are to supply 20,000 Recruits. The Duke of *Lorrain* has had some slight Attacks of a Fever.

Dresden, Oct. 12. Capt. *Mezradt* who brought the first News of the Election of our Sovereign to the Throne of *Poland*, is declar'd Lieutenant Colonel, and has receiv'd from his Royal Highness a Present of 1000 Ducats. By the said Officer we learn these further Particulars of what past on the 5th in the Field of Election: When the Nobility was arriv'd, Prince *Lubomirski*, Palatine of *Cracovia*, made a moving Speech tending to prove that the Election of *Stanislaus* was contrary to the known Laws and Constitutions of the Kingdom, and by Consequence was null and invalid: Here he shew'd, by several Arguments, the Necessity there was for a new Election, where the Rights and Prerogatives of the Nation might remain untouch'd. His Speech met with a general Applause, after which the Bishop of *Cracovia*, appointed to collect the Votes, cry'd out aloud, *Let every Man give his Vote*. Prince *Lubomirski* answered first, *Vivat Rex Augustus Tertius*; the Bishop of *Cujavia* seconded him, whom the rest follow'd unanimously; upon which the Starost *Linowski* was immediately dispatch'd from the whole Body to the new King, who deliver'd his Letters here accordingly Yesterday about Ten in the Morning.

Koningsberg, Oct. 14. The Regency has receiv'd Orders to give no Refuge throughout the Kingdom of *Prussia* to any *Polander*, of what Party soever, the King being determin'd to stand neuter. This Order has put the Country under some Consternation, fearing, lest the *Poles* being refus'd Shelter, may make Incursions, and put all to Fire and Sword by Way of Revenge.

Berlin, Oct. 17. Our last Letters from *Dantzick* advise, that the *Russian* Army having past the *Vistula*, are become Masters of *Warsaw*: That General *Lasci* has taken up his Quarters in the Palace of *Czartorinski*; that the Day before the *Russians* enter'd the City, the Troops belonging to the Palatine *de Kiovia* wou'd have forc'd into the House of the *Imperial* Embassador, but were prevented at the pressing Instances of the *Prussian* Minister, and that the Regimentary finding himself not in a Condition to oppose the *Russians*, thought fit to retire, 'tis believed towards *Cracovia*, to hinder the Coronation of the King elected by the Confederates.

Dantzick, Oct. 14. A Courier from *Warsaw* is just arrived with the following Advices, *viz.*

The *Russian* Troops having thrown several Bridges of Boats cross the *Vistula*, began the 9th Instant to pass that River, to the Number of 3000 Men; but being attack'd by the Crown Regimentary at the Head of 18,000 *Poles*, they were drove back, with the Loss of 600 Men kill'd, and 400 taken Prisoners; amongst the former of whom was Colonel Count *Sidrucky*. The Regimentary had 300 Men kill'd, and several wounded.

On the 10th the *Russians* made good their Bridges. They work'd under the incessant Fire of the Cannon; and the same Fire continued during all the Night to prevent the *Poles* from advancing to demolish the Bridges.

On the 11th, by Four in the Morning, the *Russians* resum'd their Design of crossing the River. The Regimentary advanc'd again with the main Part of his Army: But notwithstanding all the Efforts he could possibly make, the Enemy rush'd on with such Violence, that 24,000 Men were presently over. Whereupon the Regimentary retir'd towards *Warsaw*; the *Muscovites* following, resolv'd to force that City; which they did in a few Hours after.

When it was known at *Warsaw* that the *Russians* were crossing the *Vistula*, a Party of *Polish* Soldiers began to attack the *Imperial* Ambassador's House, and had actually made their Way into it, but for the Prudence of the *Prussian* Minister, who happily prevail'd with them to alter their Purposes.

'Tis said that the Regimentary and his Army are march'd to *Cracow*, in order to prevent the Coronation of the Elector of *Saxony*.

The Declaration of the Emperor and his Allies, made to the Primate of Poland, *and annex'd to the Manifesto of the King of* France.

Most Serene Prince and Primate,

We little suspected that our last Declaration would be misinterpreted, and the Letter of the August Emperor of the *Romans*, sent to your Highness, be wilfully perverted into a Sense quite different to the Tenure thereof.

We find ourselves deceiv'd; for as you gave out before that the foreign Ministers of certain Courts used Threats inconsistent with a free Election, and declar'd that none but whom their Principals thought proper should succeed to the Throne of *Poland*: So now you spread a false Report, that the neighbouring Powers have much to fear from other confederated Members of the Republick; you go farther, and enumerate a long Train of Ills which will accrue thereby to certain Powers, and from what Quarter. In short, proclaim that the Union of your neighbouring Powers will be of short Duration.

Wherefore we repeat once more, that the neighbouring Powers fear not, but love the Republick (as our last Declaration, rightly understood, does sufficiently evince) that we mean not, after others Example, to restrain the Freedom of your Nation, nor oppose you by Force of Arms; but by Virtue of the *Pacta Conventa*, like true Friends and Allies oppose only such as would disturb the Peace of the Republick, by acting contrary to its Laws and Constitutions. God has lodg'd Power enough in our Hands to defend the Right of a free Election, and ourselves too, against such who would oppress that Right to our common Prejudice.

We therefore exhort you again to see that the future King, whoever he be, may be chosen by free Suffrages: That he may be such a one from whom no Danger may result to the Republick, and who may give its neighbouring Powers no Cause of Fear with Regard to themselves: That we may have no Occasion to make any further Declarations to the prudent Assembly at the next Election; but that you may from henceforward agree so well among yourselves as to preserve the Freedom of Election, the Peace of the Republick, as well as of your Neighbours and all *Europe*.

As for the Differences you pretend will happen between us and our Allies, we declare once more that we are inseparable, have all the same Sentiments, mean not to oppress the Republick, but preserve its Rights entire.

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